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REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and Treasurer,

AND

Superintending School Committee,

WITH A

LIST OF TAX-PAYERS AND TAXES,

AND

THE SEPTEMBER INVOICE

IN THE

TOWN OF RICHMOND,

1875-6.

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LIST OF PERSONS TAXED

IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND,

WITH TOTAL VALUE AND AMOUNT PAID BY EACH;

And the September Invoice.

Highway taxes paid in labor are not included in these amounts.

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Abbott & Martin,	$5,980	$148 32	$4,050
Aldrich, Benjamin	635	15 24	650
Aldrich, David B.	905	24 12	800
Aldrich, Robert	1,045	27 48	1,300
Aldrich, Charles W.	225	7 80	75
Aldrich, Mary, heirs	375	9 00	300
Aldrich, Harriet S.	150	3 60	150
Aldrich, Sylvester, Est.	2,500	60 00	2,500
Aldrich, Mrs. Sylvester	500	12 00	500
Allen, Jerahmeel		2 40	1,500
Amidon, Cyrel	920	24 48	850
Amidon, Parley	845	22 68	650
Amidon, Frank	777	22 05	600
Amidon, Andrew	368	12 23	
Amidon, Frank and Andrew	2,980	71 52	4,640
Amidon, Henry	90	4 56	
Amidon, Edwin E.		2 40	
Atherton, Alvin H.	1,363	35 11	750
Ballou, Betsey	600	14 40	650
Ballou, Frank E.	1,300	33 60	1,600
Ballou, Henry	444	14 06	325
Ballou, Mrs. James	948	23 75	900

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Ballou, Millard F.	$	$2 40	$
Ballou, Leonard	70	5 08	
Ballou, Lysander	142	5 81	
Ballou, Ozial	1,250	33 40	900
Ballou, Sarah	500	12 00	500
Ballou, Sarah D.	500	12 00	575
Ballou, Willard J.	10	2 64	
Barden, Abner S.	1,200	31 20	1,000
Barrus, Alvin, Est.	1,760	42 24	2,000
Barrus, Jeremiah	1,000	24 00	2,000
Barrus, Alvin S.	50	3 60	
Barrus, Louis K.		2 40	
Barrus, Elmer L.		2 40	
Bennett, Amos G.	472	13 73	450
Bennett, Almina C.	50	1 20	75
Bennett, James M.	225	7 80	200
Bliss, Benjamin W.	180	7 72	150
Bowen, Zimri	1,871	47 30	1,800
Bowen, Nathan,	1,810	45 84	1,600
Bowen, Richard	2,570	64 08	2,600
Bowen, Uberto,	730	20 92	1,000
Bowen, Franklin O.	1,100	28 80	900
Bowen, Edwin N.	2,989	75 14	2,050
Bowen, George M.		2 40	
Bowen, Benjamin F.		2 40	
Bowen, Angelia,	548	13 15	500
Bowen, Henry R.		2 40	
Bowen, Albert J.		2 40	
Bowen, Frank P.		2 40	
Bolles, Jeremiah,	400	9 60	775
Bolles, Jesse	2,492	62 21	2,300
Bolles, Nathaniel		2 40	
Bolles, Edwin	426	12 62	400
Bolles, Emily	385	9 24	325
Boyce, John	110	5 04	100
Bond, Alanson		2 40	
Bryant, John A.	100	4 80	
Bryant, Jonathan C.	550	16 60	550
Bryant, Nathaniel		2 40	

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Brewer, Oren J.	$	$2 40	$
Brown, Omer H.	200	7 20	100
Bullock, Asa H.	1,450	37 20	1,225
Bullock, Henry	195	7 08	1,125
Bullock, Amy	2,260	54 24	1,100
Buffum, Andrew J.		2 40	
Burgess, Myrick			175
Cass, Ahaz	1,550	39 60	1,100
Cass, Nahum	1,380	35 52	1,000
Cass, Jonathan	1,665	42 36	1,250
Cass, Mrs. Ozro T.	1,030	24 72	800
Cass, Moses		2 40	
Cass, Lewis R.	120	5 28	
Cass, Chas. H.	108	5 99	
Cass, Oscar B.		2 40	
Cass, Nancy and Lavina	240	5 76	600
Cass, Luther, heirs	450	10 80	
Cass, Lewis E.		2 40	
Cass, Levi, Est.	275	6 60	275
Carlton, Harvey M.	620	17 28	950
Carrol, Lucius	894	23 86	900
Carpenter, John L.	10	2 64	
Chase, Esther	380	9 12	300
Chatman, Elliot		3 40	200
Clark, Mrs. Benjamin	225	5 40	225
Combs, Reuben H.	2,087	52 49	1,100
Combs, Bradley B.		2 40	
Combs, Frederick E.		2 40	
Conway, Chas. W.	3,223	79 75	3,800
Cook, Calvin	930	22 32	400
Cook, Ebenezer S.	1,005	26 52	1,200
Cook, Martin	229	8 90	
Cook, Mary	613	14 71	1,200
Curtis, Henry O.	560	15 84	630
Curtis, Jerrel A.	100	4 80	600
Daniels, Sylvester A.	110	5 04	
Dearborn, Edwin P. F.		2 40	
Dexter, Thomas		2 40	
Dodge, Andrew	538	12 91	550

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Doolittle, Charles H.	$ 930	$24 72	$ 730
Ellor, Luke	1,075	28 20	1,000
Evans, Medad	639	17 74	500
Fisher, Nathaniel B.	820	22 08	700
Fisher, Lucius L.		2 40	
Fisher, Richard P.	200	7 20	200
Fisher, Ira C.		2 40	
Fisher, Mrs. Kendall	1,460	35 04	1,550
Fisher, Mrs. Lewis	500	12 00	550
Flint, Mrs. Amos A.	320	8 68	550
Flint, William F.	50	3 60	50
Freeman, Preston L.	1,170	31 48	1,800
Frazeaur, Andrew	528	16 07	
Garnsey, Amos	135	3 24	
Garnsey, Amos & William	1,030	24 72	1,000
Garnsey, Amos & Watrous	775	18 60	1,000
Garnsey, William	292	10 41	75
Garnsey, Watrous	645	18 88	350
Goddard, Zerah C.	600	16 80	600
Goddard, William	1,295	34 48	1,000
Goddard, George W.	80	4 32	
Goddard, Asahel T.		2 40	
Goodwin, George	15	2 76	
Graves, Willard R.		2 40	
Hammond, Oren	111	2 66	
Handy, George B.	1,125	29 40	800
Harris, Ansel	482	13 97	500
Harkness, Dennis	920	25 48	1,100
Hill, Nathaniel	1,583	40 39	1,500
Howe, Bowman	2,000	50 40	1,400
Howe, Orren B.	260	9 64	
Howe, George W.	1,216	32 58	125
Howard, John L.	1,166	30 38	750
Huntley, Marian	405	9 72	400
Ingalls, Jarvis	435	12 84	400
Jillson, Orison			400
Jillson, Mrs. Wheaton	300	7 20	300
Jillson, Albert E.		3 40	
Jolley, Lewis		3 00	

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Kelton, Mrs. Asahel	$1,660	$40 84	$1,800
Kendrick, Thomas W.	45	4 48	
Kempton, Simeon	10 80	28 32	1,500
Lawrence, Amos	1,278	33 07	1,175
Liscord, Levi	10	3 64	
Lyons, Chas. H.	515	15 76	
Martin, Ansel	860	24 04	700
Martin, Amos	970	26 68	800
Martin, Albert H.		3 40	
Martin, Calvin C.	1,840	47 56	1,500
Martin, Daniel	690	17 56	800
Martin, Danvers	2,002	51 46	1,800
Martin, Danvers, Jr.	91	5 58	
Martin, Danford W.		2 40	
Martin, Esther	1,150	27 60	1,000
Martin, Mrs. Ezra	250	6 00	225
Martin, Harvey	970	25 68	1,000
Martin, Henry R.	233	7 99	300
Martin, Martha, heirs	30	72	30
Martin, Otis	125	6 40	
Martin, Olive W.	1,100	26 40	400
Martin, Mrs. Paul	800	19 20	1,000
Martin, Russell	200	7 20	175
Martin, Silas O.		2 40	
Martin, Philander		2 40	
Martin, Willard		2 40	
Mellens, Hiram E.		3 40	
Mellens, James H.	335	10 44	
Mellens, Mrs. James A.	450	10 80	450
Merrifield, Horace	756	21 34	450
Mullen, Albert M.	250	9 40	175
Naromore, Nathaniel	2,480	61 92	2,000
Naromore, Albert H.		2 40	
Naromore, Frank E.		2 40	
Nash, Marvin T.	1,700	40 80	1,200
Newell, Amos W.	770	20 88	730
Newell, George W.		2 40	
Newell, Harriet	658	15 79	600
Newell, Josiah L.	790	21 36	700

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Newell, Nathan F.	$788	$21 31	$650
North, Alburn S.	218	8 63	
North & Burton,	2,000	48 00	
North, Daniel & Alburn S.			1,900
Norwood, Charles	1,115	29 16	1,175
Norwood, John E.		2 40	
North, A. S., for Jas. Baldwin	155	3 72	
Nutting, John & Sons	3,640	96 56	2,400
Parker, Curtis,	1,403	37 07	1,300
Parker, John	432	12 77	400
Parker, Theodore C.	100	4 80	175
Parsons, Orlan E.	1,615	41 66	1,200
Packard, Joseph		3 00	
Pease, Lorin J.		3 40	
Perry, Daniel O.	240	8 16	
Perry, Noah	2,097	52 73	1,900
Pickering, Chas. F.	100	4 80	100
Putney, George W.		2 40	
Putney, Julia A.	1,164	27 94	800
Putney, William C.	528	16 07	100
Randall, Willard	835	20 04	800
Reynolds, Eli W.	1,445	37 08	1,300
Rice, Dentzel S.		2 40	
Rice, Henry	1,080	28 32	1,200
Rice & Lyons	500	12 00	500
Rineau, Eustin	75	4 20	75
Royleigh, Peter W.		2 40	
Scott, Viana	500	12 00	
Smith, Charles G.		2 40	
Southwick, Edmund B.	1,117	30 21	1,250
Sparhawk, John H.	1,999	51 38	1,600
Spaulding, Daniel R.	2,100	50 40	1,300
Sprague, Enoch D.	1,525	39 00	1,800
Sprague, George L.		2 40	
Sprague, Hiram P.	1,850	46 80	1,400
Starkey, Edson	575	16 20	600
Starkey, Clara M.	150	3 60	150
St. Clair, Charles		2 40	
St. Clair, Mrs. Martha	668	16 03	450

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Strickland, William W.	$ 550	$15 60	$ 375
Swan, Ebenezer, Est.	3,110	74 64	1,935
Swan, James	500	12 00	650
Swan, Joseph	521	15 90	400
Swan, Obadiah S.	1,222	31 73	1,100
Swan, Roxana	325	8 80	175
Taft, Peleg	400	9 60	500
Taft, Charles L.		2 40	
Taylor, George	1,275	34 00	1,100
Taylor, George H.	2,520	64 88	2,100
Taylor, Lorin L.		2 40	
Thayer, Alanson B., heirs	2,000	48 00	2,000
Thayer, Ellis & Dilly, heirs	100	2 40	125
Thayer, Lois	300	7 20	300
Thayer, Nelson	830	22 32	700
Thayer, Polly, heirs	200	4 80	200
Tolman, Henry E.	50	3 60	
Tucker, Amos A.	954	25 30	550
Tuttle, Nathan E.	617	17 21	850
Tuttle & Curtis,	100	2 40	
Twitchell, Almond	1,535	40 24	1,200
Twitchell, Daniel	545	16 48	700
Ward, Albert G.		2 40	
Warren, Dexter	805	21 72	650
Warren & Naromore,	40	96	40
Weeks, Roscoe	45	3 48	
Weeks, Clara F.	100	2 40	100
Witcomb, Anthony S.	2,490	62 16	2,000
Whitcomb, Chas. S.		2 40	
Whitcomb, Joseph	82	4 37	
Whitcomb, John F.	458	1,439	700
Whitcomb, Sarah R.	300	7 20	300
Wheeler, Jonas R.	699	19 18	1,100
Whipple, Henry	705	19 32	600
Whipple, Julius M.	400	12 00	400
Whipple, Stephen M.		2 40	
Williams, David W.	2,260	56 64	1,900
Williams, Stephen W.	3,030	75 12	2,600
Williams, William H.		2 40	

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Willoby, Andrew	$ 30	$ 3 12	$
Wilson, Chas. W.	1,215	31 56	1,050
Wilkins, Malintha	20	48	20
Wilkins, Luther A.		2 40	
Wright, Williams	150	6 00	
Williams, D. W. for Horace Fifield	100	2 40	

NON-RESIDENT.

Adams, Ebenezer S.	200	4 80	300
Adams, Obed E.	500	12 00	800
Aldrich, Ellery K.	400	9 60	225
Allen, Mrs. Samuel D.	350	8 40	550
Atherton, William S.	50	1 20	100
Atherton, Samuel & Jonathan	1,000	24 00	1,000
Ballou, Mrs. Almando	20	48	20
Barker, Nathan	1,700	40 80	1,600
Barrus, Alonzo	200	4 80	225
Barrus, Ebenezer & William	200	4 80	275
Bassett, Ahaz	100	2 40	100
Bassett, William	600	14 40	600
Bennett, Angelia	850	20 40	2,000
Bennett, Wales B.	260	6 24	260
Bemis, Charles	150	3 60	150
Bigelow, Horace H.	1,450	34 80	600
Boyce, Jacob	1,700	40 80	2,500
Bowen, Rufus, heirs	200	4 80	600
Brigham, Louis	200	4 80	400
Brown, Charlotte	125	3 00	300
Bryant, Mrs. Calvin	1,000	24 00	1,100
Buffum, Mrs. David	1,400	33 60	130
Buffum, Elizabeth	400	9 60	500
Bullock, William R.	35	84	35
Burbank, Arthur M.	50	1 20	50
Coburn, Prescott D.	175	4 20	175
Coburn, William P.	2,100	50 40	1,200
Corliss, Bailey	400	9 60	1,000
Cook, Stephen R.			1,000
Dickerson & Baker,	1,500	36 00	1,500
Dickerson & Underwood,	100	2 40	

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Fisher, Clement & Co.	$ 100	$ 2 40	$
Gage, Abagail W.	575	13 80	575
Gates, Perley	2,500	60 00	2,400
Gould Asa	60	1 44	
Hammond, Abel	500	12 00	450
Harkness, Mrs. Ruth A.	1,000	24 00	900
Harris, David W.	400	9 60	400
Herrick, John W.	290	6 96	250
Holbrook, Simeon	350	8 40	325
Holden, Jonathan	300	7 20	350
Holman & Hayward,	50	1 20	
Hovey, Frank A., heirs	75	1 80	75
Kilton, Asahel	375	9 00	550
Kingsbury, Elvisa T.	300	7 20	350
Lane, George	1,100	26 40	1,200
Lewis, Mrs. Silas	400	9 60	550
Mann, Monsier D.	300	7 20	700
Martin, Converse & George	650	15 60	700
Murray, Robert	1,000	24 00	1,000
Naromore, George B.	150	3 60	150
Naromore, Hollis, heirs	200	4 80	275
Naromore, Lucius, heirs	525	12 60	500
Newell, George	600	14 40	680
Nichols, Henry C.	215	5 16	175
Paine, Mrs. Addison	450	10 80	400
Peck, Ezekiel	300	7 20	300
Perry, Nahum, heirs	300	7 20	300
Pierce, George E.	200	4 80	
Piper, Volney	800	19 20	275
Randall, Stephen	45	1 08	55
Randall, Thomas	600	14 40	650
Read, Edwin F. & Co.	600	14 40	
Read, Benjamin F.	625	15 00	850
Reed, Chas. P.	50	1 20	50
Rice, John			175
Ripley, Barrett & Co.	30	72	50
Robbins, Henry			150
Rayleigh, Hiram P.	450	10 80	600
Russell, Ira W.	50	1 20	100

	Total Inv. in April.	Taxes.	Sept. Inv. of Real Est.
Richardson, Chas.	$	$	$175
Sawyer, David			75
Sawyer, Sylvanus	600	14 40	800
Scott, Alvin, heirs	125	3 00	
Scott, Oscar A.			200
Shepherdson, Eri	500	12 00	550
Sherwin, R. A.			700
Sprague, Samuel	1,200	28 80	1,200
Sprague & Russell,			500
Swan, Darling	800	19 20	800
Swan, Henry B.	50	1 20	75
Swan, Henry B., Ex'r	25	60	25
Swan & Naromore,	200	4 80	480
Taft, Brown S. B.	300	7 20	300
Talbot, Wesley	200	4 80	275
Taylor, Ransom	280	6 72	
Tyler, Oscar F.	200	4 80	225
Thompson, Samuel	200	4 80	200
Thompson, David	700	16 80	700
Tolman, Joseph C.	1,000	24 00	1,100
Whitcomb, E. O.	75	1 80	100
Whipple, Russell	600	14 40	550
Whipple, Silas	300	7 20	250
Whitcomb & Rice,	250	6 00	
Whitcomb, Sylvander	175	4 20	175
Whitcomb, Samantha	25	60	15
Whitmore, Henry S.	550	13 20	400
White, Willard	800	19 20	900
Wilbur, Edmund, Jr.	790	18 96	1,300
Willis, Paul F.	100	2 40	150
Winchester, George	2,500	60 00	3,300
Woodbury, Nathan G.	1,400	33 60	1,300
Woodward, William	125	300	125

Total invoice of real estate in September, 1875, $211,050.

SCHOOL REPORT.

In compliance with the laws of the State, we respectfully submit the following report of the public schools of Richmond, for the year ending March 1, 1876.

There has been expended for the support of schools the sum of $1,295.71. The aggregate number of weeks of school, 214 1-2; whole number of scholars attending, 190; average attendance, 144.93; cost per scholar, $6.75; cost per scholar based upon the average attendance, $8.86; total number of days' absence, 860; tardiness, 185; dismissals, 39; whole number of visits by parents and others, 601; number of visits made by Superintending Committee, 46.

In looking over the list of visitors in the registers of 1875, we were sorry not to have seen the name of every parent and guardian. Parents do not always realize the encouragement that these visits would give to both teacher and pupils; and, more than this, we should realize that we are oftentimes submitting our children to the control of an entire stranger, seemingly without a thought for their welfare.

In our opinion, there are but few schools in which the reading and spelling exercises have received the attention which they ought. It is a deplorable fact that there are but very few really good readers in our schools. We do not call all good readers who can readily and rapidly pronounce all the words of the lesson; they should strive to enter as much as possible into the spirit of the piece; should endeavor to read as though the thoughts upon the page were their own; should they do this, we should have readers of which we should justly be proud.

In some instances, we have noticed a desire to pass over more ground than could be thoroughly understood. The scholar's motto should be, "Not how much, but how well." One principle thoroughly learned and understood is much better than two half learned.

We are happy to be able to show a good increase of regular attendance and punctuality over last year, giving evidence of an increased interest taken in our schools. There has been no serious act of disobedience or insubordination during the past year. The teachers have, in most instances, labored earnestly and faithfully, and the progress of the scholars is very gratifying.

We are sorry to report that very little improvement has been made in our school houses during the past year, many of them being very uncomfortable and inconvenient. It is necessary that they should be furnished with a large dictionary, outline maps, and a globe.

We wish to render our thanks to Prudential Committees, parents, teachers and pupils, for the kind, courteous treatment which we have uniformly received.

We will now call your attention to the following Special Reports, in which we have aimed to show justly and impartially the progress made in our schools for the past year.

SPECIAL REPORTS.

District No. 1.—The Summer Term was under the instruction of Miss Nellie L. Norwood, of Richmond, who has taught the school for four terms. The school was a success, giving entire satisfaction to the parents, scholars and Committee. The exercises at the close, for so small a school, were very interesting; the examination being made without the use of text books, was free, thorough and practical, and the answers prompt and correct. Miss Norwood has made herself a good teacher by her love for the profession, and making herself so familiar with the text books required to be used as not to be hampered with them in the school room.

The Fall Term of 9 weeks was taught by Miss L. Isabel Cass, of Richmond, with very good success. Miss Cass is young, and this her second term in the school room in the capacity of a teacher; being herself a thorough scholar, she strives to thoroughly instruct her pupils, winning from them both love and respect. With experience, she will rank as one of our best teachers. Ada J. Conway, Ada A. Whipple, Willie M. Evans, and G. Eddie Conway were neither tardy or absent during the first, and Belle A. Conway and Mary E. Atherton during the last term.

No. 2.—The Spring Term was taught by Miss Jennie M. McAlister, who has been employed in this district four successive terms, which fact certainly goes to show that her method of teaching and the result of her instruction has been satisfactory to the district. We should have been pleased to have seen the pupils evince a little more interest in their studies and considerable more life in their recitations; and until they do, they will fail to advance in their studies as they might and ought. Florence A. Combs, Ada M. Lawrence, Katie S. Lawrence, Gertie M. Combs, Nellie J. Lawrence, Eddie Ballou and Leslie H. Martin were neither absent or tardy throughout the term.

The Fall Term was under the instruction of Miss Nellie F. Read. Although the school was short, the pupils made rapid advancement, and were thorough in their studies. Miss Read's love and sympathy for the children, combined with the ability to instruct them, made her peculiarly adapted to the school room, making the exercises both interesting and profitable. A great improvement in regard to regular attendance has been made during the past year; the aggregate loss by absence during the Fall term of 1874 being 137 1-2 days, and only 22 in both terms of 1875. Florence A. Combs, Ada W. Lawrence, Katie S. Lawrence, and Leslie H. Martin, were neither tardy or absent during the term.

No. 3.—This school, as reported last year, has the fewest scholars of any in town. It should be united with District No. 4, which has also but few scholars; the best interests of both districts demand it. Both terms of school were taught by Miss M. Jennie Howard, with good success. It was her first school, but she appeared to understand her work, and the progress and interest was all that could be expected in so small a school. Medora and Rosetta Taylor were neither tardy nor absent during the first, and Cora and Frank Ellis, during the last term.

No. 4—There has been only one term in this district, commencing October 8th, and continuing 12 weeks. They were fortunate in securing the services of Mrs. Nellie F. Spooner, who had charge of the school the preceding year. The order of the school was good and the pupils studious. Spelling was taught orally and by writing; the latter method is very

practical, and we should be pleased to have it practiced in all of our schools by those who are old enough to write. At the closing examination the exercises were very satisfactory. The pupils manifested their appreciation of the labors of their teacher, on the last day of the term, by the present of a beautiful "Album," as a testimonial of their love towards her. Esther M. Cook, and Bertie C. Rich, were neither tardy nor absent during the term.

No. 5.—Miss Mary G. Healey, of Winchester, has taught this school during the last four successive terms. She is a teacher of large experience, has labored faithfully, and is deserving of much praise. The exercises at the examination of both terms gave good satisfaction, showing that the hours spent in the school room had been profitably employed. The first class in arithmetic, geography, book-keeping and grammar recited so perfectly that not a question was missed, giving evidence of the advantage derived from having so efficient a teacher. The pupils were rather backward in reading. If they would make a proficiency in this branch they must make it a study. During the first term there were 14 pupils who were neither tardy or absent, viz: Etta R. Twitchell, Attie H. Aldrich, Addie M. Aldrich, Esther M. Cook, Nellie J. Cook, Mary J. Mullen, Mabel F. Cook, Eva L. Ellor, Flora L. Ellor, Elliot W. Aldrich, Mylon N. Cook, Charlie A. Mullen, and Frank Cook; those during the last term were Nellie J. Cook, Flora L. Ellor, Mabel F. Cook, Gracie M. Cook, Orlan H. Martin, Walton I. Cook, Mylon N. Cook, and Frank Cook.

No. 6.—The Summer Term of nine weeks was taught by Miss Mary G. Flagg. We visited the school at its commencement, and it seemed to be in a good condition. To manage this school judiciously requires a tact for teaching and talent to interest and control small children. Perhaps a few more visits from the parents would encourage both teacher and pupil. We did not find all the exercises at the closing examination quite as correct as we should like to have had them. Ida M. Jillson, Ida C. Weeks, Georgianna Jillson, Edna G. Jillson, Amos E. Beal, Everett H. Curtiss and Willie Starkey were neither tardy nor absent during the term.

The Fall Term was taught by Miss Eva J. Dort, of Keene.

She has good natural abilities and a superior education, and is one who awakens in the minds of her pupils an interest in their studies, making the school room a pleasant place for them. The recitations in mental arithmetic were excellent; and the first class in written arithmetic were prepared to illustrate the principles which they had passed over by examples upon the board, explaining them promptly, to the satisfaction of all concerned. Good progress was made in the other branches, and the closing examination would have been interesting in the extreme had the pupils maintained suitable order. If scholars would realize that the object in attending school is to learn principles, in order that they may be able to apply them to their business in after life, and attend closely to their studies, every term of school, under the tuition of so able a teacher as Miss Dort, would be a success. She was universally beloved by all her pupils. Marion M. Cass, Jennie M. Cass, Gracie L. Bryant, Mary E. Bliss, Ernie C. Pickering, Willie Starkey and Charlie H. Martin were neither tardy nor absent during the term.

No. 7.—This school progressed finely under the instruction of Miss L. Isabel Cass. She is a young teacher from this town, and this is her first experience in school teaching. She succeeded admirably; good order was maintained and the recitations at the examination were accurate and prompt. Reading seemed to have been made a study, and due attention paid to the punctuation, accent and emphasis; this will prove to them a lasting benefit. This is one of the pleasantest and best disciplined schools in town, setting an example which some of the others would do well to follow. Those who were neither tardy nor absent were Isadore E. Clark, Mary E. Goddard, Lucy A. Ellis, Lizzie S. and Luther E. Cass.

The Winter Term was taught by Miss Hattie A. Cass, a young and ambitious teacher from our own town. The examination at the close gave evidence that the advancement had been thorough. The writing of compositions during the term was made a specialty by some of the scholars, which practice should be more generally observed in all our schools. Ida L. Tuttle, Lucy A. Ellis, Lizzie S. Cass, Fred H. Tuttle and Willie O. Cass were neither tardy nor absent.

No. 8.—There was only one term in this district, of 11 1-2

weeks, taught by Miss Mary A. Holton, of Hinsdale, with satisfactory results. The school was well disciplined, and prompt and thorough in recitations.

No. 9.—This school, which, by vote of the districts, includes No. 12, had, during the past year, 24 weeks of school, divided into three terms of 9, 6 and 9 weeks. The Summer Term was taught by Miss Nancie M. Holbrook, of Swanzey, with fair success. The Fall and Winter Terms were under the tuition of Miss Ida G. Corliss, of Swanzey. She was energetic and maintained good order. The classes in arithmetic and geography made good progress in their studies. The recitation in grammar was not quite satisfactory. Minnie E. Bowen and Leon M. Abbott were neither tardy nor absent during the term.

No. 10.—The Summer Term, under the instruction of Miss Hattie A. Cass, resulted in much improvement. The teacher, though young, was very persevering and energetic. Some of the scholars were rather backward, but, with her assistance and encouragement, strove to make a profitable use of their time. The closing examination proved more satisfactory than that of last year. Those who were neither tardy or absent were Elmina A. Williams, Nellie G. Black, Mary E. Williams, Hattie E. Strickland, Esther M. Williams, Almon Cass, Carlon Cass, George W. Royleigh, Bennie H. and John F. Williams.

The Winter Term was taught by Mrs. Lovilla R. Taft, of Swanzey, with good results. The discipline was good, and most of the classes recited promptly and correctly. Almon and Carlon Cass were neither absent or tardy.

No. 13.—The Summer Term, of 8 weeks, was taught by Miss L. Olive Barrus, of Richmond. This is the pleasantest school room in town, made doubly pleasant for the teacher by the many happy and hopeful faces around her, indexes of minds eager to obtain knowledge. The scholars made a good degree of improvement, and were studious and orderly. We regret that we were favored with so few visits from the parents; perhaps as many as in most of the schools. It would greatly encourage both teacher and scholars if they would show by visiting that they were interested in our progress. We would gladly welcome them at the school room.

Eva and Edgar U. Martin were neither absent or tardy during the term.

The Winter Term commenced under the instruction of Miss Carrie Wood, of Keene, who, after teaching two weeks, was obliged to abandon the school on account of sickness. The remainder of the term was taught by Miss Mary A. Garfield, of Royalston, Mass. Miss Garfield is a teacher of large experience, and has a tact for teaching. We were perfectly satisfied both with her method of instruction and the progress made by the scholars in their studies. Spelling by writing was practiced by the first class. Addie F. Martin, Walter I., and Edgar U. Martin, were neither absent nor tardy.

No. 14.—Both terms in this District were taught by Miss E. M. Barrus, of Richmond, who labors faithfully and unweariedly that the pupils may thoroughly understand what she teaches, her motto being "Not how much, but how well;" her object being not to gain approbation, but that the scholars may receive a lasting benefit from her instruction. This school is an encouraging field in which to labor; the scholars, though young, are energetic, prompt, and reliable. It is a pleasure to teach them. Jennie M. Parker, and Julia E. Nelson, were neither tardy or absent during the first term.

No. 16.—This is one of the smallest schools in town, there being only three scholars belonging to the district. The Summer term was instructed by Miss Alice R. Tucker, of this town. The school was orderly, studious, and progressed well in their studies. Jennie M., and Alice C. Wheeler, were neither absent or tardy.

Winter. This is the 7th term taught in this district by Miss M. Alice Ingalls, with credit to herself, and to the satisfaction of all concerned. We think it is for the interest of the school that her services were retained. The recitations were prompt, and the pupils seemed to have gained a thorough knowledge of the ground which they had passed over. Jennie M. Wheeler, and Edgar J. Ingalls, were neither absent or tardy.

MARY E. BARDEN,
L. OLIVE BARRUS,
Superintending Sch. Com.

TABULAR STATEMENT.

District.	Terms of School.	Teachers.	Length of School in weeks.	Whole Number of Scholars.	Male.	Female.	Average attendance.	No of pupils over 18 years of age.	No not absent or tardy.	No not absent one half day.	No of tardinesses.	No of days' absence.	No of dismissals.	No of visits by the Supt. Com.	No of visits by Prudential Com.	No of visits by others.	Wages of teacher per month including board.	Proportion of school money.	Proportion for each scholar.
1	Summer.	Miss Nellie L. Norwood.	7	7	2	5	.04	1	4	4	0	5	0	3	1	26	$22.00	$	$
"	Fall.	" L. Isabel Cass.	9	6	3	3	5.71	1	2	2	0	13	2	2	1	17	22.00	86.21	12 31
2	Summer.	" Jennie M. McAlister.	8	13	5	8	12.28	0	7	7	2	18	0	1	1	10	20.00		
"	Fall.	" Nellie F. Read.	7	10	3	7	8.88	0	4	5	6	4	0	2	0	12	20.00	75.29	5 79
3	Summer.	" M. Jennie Howard.	6	4	1	3	4.	0	2	4	8	0	1	2	0	14	16.00		
"	Fall.	" " " "	10	8	4	4	6.72	2	3	3	1	63½	3	1	1	24	16.00	65.78	8.22
4	No Summer.																		
"	Fall.	Mrs. Nellie F. Spooner.	12	9	6	3	6.95	6	1	2	7	13	12	2	1	30	28.00	90.54	16.06
5	Summer.	Miss Mary G. Healey.	8	21	8	13	20.1	3	14	14	0	36	0	2	0	47	27.00		
"	Fall.	" " " "	9	26	13	13	23.5	7	8	8	1	58	0	2	2	44	28.00	119.10	4.58
6	Summer.	" Mary G. Flagg.	9	27	12	15	22.15	0	7	8	17	40	0	5	1	31	30.00		
"	Fall.	" Eva J. Dort.	10	24	14	10	21.7	1	10	10	5	33	0	2	0	39	32.00	154.11	5.70
7	Summer.	" L. Isabel Cass.	8	10	5	5	9.3	0	5	6	1	19½	0	1	2	28	12.00		
"	Winter.	" Hattie A. Cass.	10	15	10	5	14.38	3	6	7	5	31	3	2	2	22	20.00	77.27	5.13
8	Summer.	" Mary A. Holton.					6.47										24.00		
"	No Fall.		11½	8	3	5		2	0	0	2	62	1	1	1	12		74.64	9.33
9	Summer.	" Nancie M. Holbrook.	9	11	4	7	9	0	0	2	28	45	2	2	2	16	23.00		
&	Fall.	" Ida G. Corliss.	6	11	5	6	11.4	0	2	4	7	19	0	2	2	14	22.00		
12	Winter.	" " " "	9	14	5	9	11.7	1	0	2	27	40	1	1	2	24	25.00	148.45	10.50
10	Summer.	" Hattie A. Cass.	8	12	7	5	11.65	2	9	9	0	7½	3	2	1	22	13.00		
"	Fall.	Mrs. Lovilla R. Taft.	11	13	8	5	9.89	2	2	3	9	56	1	1	1	28	14.00	64.99	4.99
13	Summer.	Miss L. Olive Barrus.	8	26	15	11	22.08	1	2	3	26	108½	2	1	1	40	30.00		
"	Fall.	" C. Wood, M. A. Garfield.	11	23	15	8	19.85	1	4	4	23	98	5	2	2	20	34.00	146.19	5.69
14	Summer.	" E. Marion Barrus.	7	7	1	6	6.78	0	0	0	2	30	0	2	0	21	22.00		
"	Fall.	" " " "	9	9	1	8	6.2	0	2	2	8	45	1	2	0	17	22.00	91.64	10.18
16	Summer.	" Alice R. Tucker.	6	6	2	4	4.58	0	2	2	1	21	0	1	0	16	19.00		
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Report of Selectmen and Treasurer.

We, the undersigned, Selectmen and Treasurer of Richmond, respectfully submit the following financial report of the Town for the year ending March 1, 1876:

APPROPRIATIONS AT THE ANNUAL MEETING IN MARCH, 1875, AND ASSESSMENTS REQUIRED BY LAW.

Support of Schools,	$500	$1,179 00
Amount required by law,	679	
Support of the poor,		800 00
Repairs of highways (paid in labor),		1,500 00
Repairs of roads not in any highway district,		150 00
State tax,		776 00
County tax,		465 39
Reduction of town debt,		1,500 00
Tolling bell and taking care of churches at funerals,		20 00
Ordinary town charges,		700 00

APRIL INVOICE, 1875.

*Real Estate,	$179,805 00
194 polls,	19,400 00
Stock in trade,	11,933 00
Bank stock and money at interest,	2,700 00
Carriages,	1,365 00
149 horses,	7,957 00
402 cattle,	19,773 00
201 sheep,	524 00
3 hogs,	28 00
Total valuation, less deductions,	$243,485 00

Rate per cent. on one hundred dollars, $2.40.

Tax resulting,	$5,843 64
Non-resident highway tax,	288 10
School house tax, District No. 6,	51 71
Tax on dogs, male 53, female 1,	55 00
Amount committed to Collector,	$6,240 12

*Deductions, $6,545.

RECEIPTS.

Cash remaining in Treasury, March 1, 1875,	$108 43
Received from A. G. Bennett, over pay,	1 00
Malintha Wilkins, tax for 1874,	50
Luther Ballou's heirs, tax for 1874,	27 50
Frank Amidon, payment of note,	78 52
S. W. Williams, payments of note,	404 06
Medad Evans, account of Barber place,	6 90
Lucius R. Cass, unworked highway tax,	2 03
In payment of note and interest, dated April 23, 1875,	258 97
Silas Cummings, damage to sheep by dogs,	16 50
Edson Starkey, Coll., interest on taxes,	14 80
	$810 78
Received from Edson Starkey, money borrowed,	$201 73
Belle D. Rice, money borrowed,	600 00
Josiah L. Newell, money borrowed,	450 00
	$1,251 73
Received from State Savings Bank tax for 1875,	$602 95
State, Literary Fund tax for 1875,	77 40
County, for support of poor,	342 98
	$1,023 33

EXPENDITURES.

ORDERS AND ACCOUNTS OUTSTANDING MARCH 1, 1875.

Paid Wheeler & Faulkner's bill, from 1870 to 1875,	$126 36
Ozial Ballou, breaking roads,	9 00
Dennis Harkness, breaking roads,	4 75
Nelson Thayer, labor on highways,	2 00
Uberto Bowen, account Mrs. C. Bryant's highway tax,	5 40
Rev. E. P. F. Dearborn, attending funeral of Eliza Curtis,	3 00
C. C. Martin, over-tax,	10 00
Watrous Garnsey, over-tax,	2 40
S. W. Williams, E. G. Bemis' tax for 1873, abated,	3 00
	$165 91

STATE AND COUNTY TAX.

State tax,	$776 00
County tax,	465 39
	$1,241 39

SUPPORT OF THE POOR.

TOWN.

Paid Simeon Kempton, support of Asa Kempton,	$61 28
Julius M. Whipple, support of Betsey Barber,	38 19
O. S. Swan, support of Chandler Bryant and Mijamin Buffum,	64 04
Mary E. Blanding, support of child,	28 50
Maria C. Jillson, support of Ella Jillson,	70 86
Dr. A. R. Gleason, amputation and attendance on Whitcomb boy,	50 00
Rebecca Whitcomb, taking care of Whitcomb boy,	6 00
David B. Aldrich, coffin for Chandler Bryant,	10 00
Robert Aldrich, digging grave " "	4 00
Rev. E. P. F. Dearborn, attending funeral of Chandler Bryant,	3 00
J. B. Abbott, aid furnished 7 transient persons,	6 43
Hiram P. Sprague, aid furnished 8 transient persons,	6 00
	$348 30

COUNTY.

Paid J. B. Abbott, for provisions, fuel and house rent furnished Lydia and Abagail Cass,	$78 00
John Parker, support of Lucy Ballou,	52 00
George B. Handy, support of Mary Norton,	78 00
Amos Martin, support of Mary Read,	79 00
Simeon Kempton, support of Asa Kempton,	26 86
O. S. Swan, support of Mijamin Buffum,	5 00
Julius M. Whipple, support of Betsey Barber,	9 12
J. B. Abbott, removing to Alms House Alvan Martin, Mijamin Buffum, Betsey Barber, and Mary Whitcomb,	15 00
	$342 98

SCHOOLS.

	Bal. in Treas. Mar. 1, 1875.	Appropriation.	Expended.
District No. 1		$86 21	$86 21
" 2		75 29	75 29
" 3		65 73	65 73
" 4	$7 65	90 54	98 19
" 5		119 10	119 10
" 6	17 78	154 11	152 77
" 7		77 27	77 27
" 8		74 64	74 64
" 9 & 12	63	148 45	145 68
" 10		64 99	64 99

District No. 13	$21 57	$146 19	$166 25
" 14		91 64	87 50
" 16		60 02	60 02
School house tax for District No. 6,		50 00	22 07
			$1,295 71

NOTES AND INTEREST PAID.

Amos Garnsey, note and interest,	$130 44
Henry E. Tolman, interest,	49 44
Silence Starkey, note and interest,	152 29
Jerahmeel Allen, note and interest,	1,024 54
Josiah L. Newell, interest,	20 16
Olive Norwood, "	41 85
Woodbury & Starkey, 2 notes and interest,	224 70
Peleg Taft, notes and interest,	650 77
Ansel Harris, interest,	24 34
Obadiah S. Swan, payment and interest,	120 85
Martha J. Kimball, note and interest,	56 73
Ebenezer S. Adams, " "	1,603 05
Lydia C. Bowen, " "	137 31
William Garnsey, " "	281 56
Edson Starkey, " "	212 22
	$4,730 25

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES.

Paid John F. Whitcomb, repairing Tully bridge,	$17 00
Ozial Ballou, labor on highway,	9 00
Hiram P. Sprague, labor on highway in C. H. Doolittle's district,	16 00
Hiram P. Sprague, laying bank wall and labor on Roaring Brook road,	28 50
John L. Howard, labor on highway,	1 00
Reuben H. Coombs, bridge plank for C. H. Doolittle's district,	11 23
Daniel O. Perry, bridge plank,	2 28
" labor on Scott road,	17 87
" bridge plank for Scott road,	72
" labor on Perry Brook road,	10 35
Edwin Bolles, bridge plank,	3 56
Eli W. Reynolds, labor on highway,	8 50
Albert M. Mullen, "	65
Abbott & Martin, bridge plank furnished Jos. Swan, highway surveyor,	5 56
Zimri Bowen, " lumber & plank	5 08
Abbott & Martin " labor on road in front of tomb,	2 50
Jonathan Cass, labor in Henry Ballou's district,	6 75
Almon Twitchell, labor on highway,	2 50
For labor on acc't of non-resident highway taxes,	261 23
	$410 28

INCIDENTAL EXPENSES.

Paid W. H. Spalter & Co., invoice, collector's and highway books and stationery,	$7 92
J. B. Abbott, recording taxes,	3 50
Harvey Martin, repairing hearse,	12 00
W. H. H. Allen, counsel for town,	10 00
Field & Sanderson, damage by defect in highway,	5 00
Almon Twitchell, town line monument,	3 00
Uberto Bowen, taking care town house,	2 50
Jarvis Ingalls, tolling bell, &c., North Church,	10 00
George W. Newell, tolling bell, &c., Brick Church,	10 00
J. B. Abbott, labor, repairing tomb,	7 50
E. B. Southwick, labor repairing tomb,	2 75
Eli W. Reynolds, labor, repairing tomb,	2 00
Spencer & Co., cement for repairing tomb,	5 60
Jesse Bolles, damage to sheep by dogs,	16 50
Town of Winchester, settlement of suit,	27 04
J. B. Abbott, horse hire to Winchester and Keene,	3 50
" school books for indigent children,	4 40
Amos Martin, attending funerals with hearse,	10 00
Sentinel Printing Co., printing town report,	45 00

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Paid Edson Starkey, selectman,	$110 00
Joseph B. Abbott, "	127 25
Hiram P. Sprague, "	108 25
Leason Martin, treasurer,	25 00
E. P. F. Dearborn, town clerk,	10 00
Jarvis Ingalls, "	7 50
Edson Starkey, collector,	80 00
Mrs. Mary E. Barden, sup't school committee,	36 00
Miss L. Olive Barrus, " "	4 50
Charles Norwood, auditor,	1 00
	$509 50

ABATEMENTS.

Mary Aldrich's heirs, property tax,	$9 00
Maria C. Jillson, "	7 60
Esther Chase, over-tax,	4 80
Albert M. Mullen, "	3 60
Frank E. Ballou, poll tax,	2 40
Chas. F. Pickering, "	2 40
Albert J. Bowen, "	2 40
Hiram E. Mellens, poll and dog tax,	3 40
Lorin J. Pease, " "	3 40
Levi Liscord, poll, property and dog tax,	3 64

Andrew Willoby, poll and property tax,	$3 12
Eustin Reneau, " "	4 20
Geo. Goodwin, " "	2 76
Lewis E. Cass, poll and school-house tax,	2 54
Alanson Bond, " "	2 54
	$57 80

RECAPITULATION.

RECEIPTS.

Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1875,	$ 108 43
Money borrowed during the year,	1,251 73
Received from Edson Starkey, Collector of taxes, assessed in 1875, in full,	6,240 12
Rec'd on sundry notes and accounts,	810 78
State and County,	1,023 33
	9,434 39

DISBURSEMENTS.

Paid outstanding orders and accounts,	$ 165 91
State and county tax,	1,241 39
Support of town poor,	348 30
Support of county poor,	342 98
Support of schools,	1,295 71
Notes and interest,	4,730 25
Repairs of highways and bridges,	410 28
Incidental expenses,	187 90
Town officers,	509 50
Abatements,	57 80
Cash balance in Treasury,	144 37
	$9,434 39

LIABILITIES.

NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Lydia Colburn, Sept. 27, 1871,	$175 00
Henry R. Martin, July 12, 1873,	400 00
Albert H. Martin, May 19, 1874,	40 00
Ansel Harris, June 18, 1874,	200 00
Josiah L. Newell, July 6, 1874,	177 32
Clara M. Starkey, Aug. 1, 1874,	912 00
Ahaz Cass, Sept. 2, 1874,	100 00
Mrs. Amy Bullock, Nov. 2, 1874,	320 35
Henry R. Martin, Dec. 7, 1874,	350 00
Henry E. Tolman, April 9, 1875,	400 00
Josiah L. Newell, May 19, 1875,	450 00
Mrs. Belle D. Rice, May 31, 1875,	600 00
Josiah L. Newell, Sept. 24, 1875,	200 00

Olive Norwood, Oct. 9, 1875,	$100 00
Peleg Taft, Oct. 18, 1875,	500 00
Ansel Harris, Nov. 24, 1875,	116 00
O. S. Swan, Jan. 1, 1876,	700 00
Interest on the above notes to March 1, 1876,	411 28
	$6,151 95

ASSETS.

Cash in Treasury,	$144 37	
Note Chas. Norwood, including interest,	129 08	
Barber place,	56 22	
		$329 67
Indebtedness over and above assets,		$5,822 28

EDSON STARKEY.
JOSEPH B. ABBOTT,
HIRAM P. SPRAGUE,
Selectmen of Richmond.

LEASON MARTIN, *Treasurer.*

I hereby certify that I have examined the books of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and find their accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

CHARLES NORWOOD, *Auditor.*

Invoice of 1876

Cattle 70

horse 55